

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No.: TBA

James M. Tranquilla

Group Art Unit: TBA

Serial No.: 10/695,589

Examiner: TBA

Filed: October 28, 2003

Docket No.: 741805-1010

For: METHOD OF REMOVING MERCURY FROM MERCURY CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

_			
c	i	٠	

ir:	This in	formation disclosure statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and specifically:
	\boxtimes	under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or (within Three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
		37 CFR 1.97(b), or Three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last) 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a: Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), or a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or (After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before the final office action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first) 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with a: Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and a \$180.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). (Filed after final office action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee) heck in the amount of \$ Please charge \$ to deposit account . At any time during the action, please charge any fees required to Deposit Account 20-0778 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. The requested to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0778. abmit herewith Form PTO 1449A - Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant together with copies (d) of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) or may not be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose with 37 CFR 1.56. As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), a legible copy of each document is provided. anation of the relevance of foreign language patents, foreign language publications and anguage information listed on PTO Form 1449, as presently understood by the individual(s) designated in 0 most knowledgeable about the content is given on the attached sheet, or where a foreign language patent earch report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, an English
		a \$180.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). (Filed after final office action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the
enden Commi	cy of this	ed is a check in the amount of \$ Please charge \$ to deposit account. At any time during the sapplication, please charge any fees required to Deposit Account 20-0778 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. The hereby requested to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.
\boxtimes	(where believe	ant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449A - Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant together with copies required) of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) (s) may or may not be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose redance with 37 CFR 1.56. As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), a legible copy of each document is provided.
	other for 37 CFR is cited language	ise explanation of the relevance of foreign language patents, foreign language publications and oreign language information listed on PTO Form 1449, as presently understood by the individual(s) designated in R 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content is given on the attached sheet, or where a foreign language patent I in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, an English ge version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is listed form PTO 1449 and is enclosed herewith.

The following rights are reserved by the Applicant(s): the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the listed documents should they be applied as reference, and/or the right to prove that some of these documents may not be prior art, and/or the right to prove that some of these documents may not be enabling for the teachings they purport to offer.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present application does not exist. Any statements or identifications regarding the relevance of any portion(s) of cited references should not be construed as a representation that the most relevant portion(s) have been identified, and the absence of such statements or identifications should not be construed as representations that there are no relevant portion(s). The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the materials submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to conduct an independent and thorough review of the documents, and to form independent opinions as to their significance.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application and that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 to indicate the documents have been considered.

Respectfully Submitted,

THOMAS, KAYDEN, HORSTEMEYER & RISLEY, L.L.P.

By:

Harold L. Marquis, Reg/No. 20,594

100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1750 Atlanta, Georgia 30339-5948 770-933-9500

CERTIFIED MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "First Class Mail,"

in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

11111

Form PTO-1449

JAN 2 6 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Attorney Docket No.
741805-1010

Applicant
James M. Tranquilla

Filing Date Group
October 28, 2003 TBA

					er 28, 2003	TBA	<u> </u>	
		T	U.S. PA	ATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Item	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing If Appr	
	Α	1,599,372	9/7/26	C. J. Reed			9/9/	/18
	В	5,569,154	10/29/96	Navetta	588	256	+	4/95
	С	5,632,863	5/27/97	Meador	201	25	11/2	2/94
	D	5,672,323	9/30/97	Bhat et al.	422	172	4/22	
	Е	5,782,188	7/21/98	Evans et al.	110	346	9/25	
	F	5,787,823	8/4/98	Knowles	110	344	2/6/	
	G	5,891,216	4/6/99	Washburn et al.	75	670	9/16	
	H	5,989,486	11/23/99	Washburn et al.	266	145	6/25	
	I	6,024,931	2/15/00	Hanulik	423	107		
	J	6,103,205	8/15/00	Wojtowicz et al.	423	210	7/7/	98
	K	6,268,590	7/31/01	Gale et al.	219	388	3/6/	
	L	6,322,613	11/27/01	Wojtowicz et al.	95	107	6/29	
	M	6,372,187	4/16/02	Madden et al.	422	171	12/7/	
	N	6,521,021	2/18/03	Pennline et al.	95	134	1/9/(
	О	6,558,454	5/6/03	Chang et al.	95	901	2/27/	 '01
			FOREIGN	PATENT DOCUMENTS				
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Transla	ition
	_						Yes	1
	P							
	Q	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
	R							
	S							
·		OTHER DOCUM	IENTS (Includi	ing Author, Title, Date, Perti	nent Pages, etc.,)		
	T							
	U							

* EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE CONSIDERED: